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BANGKOK FOR GAO MR. STAFFORD

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SUBJECT:GAO SURVEY: POPULATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN
PAKISTAN

1. OVER PAST MONTHS GAO WASHDC HAS BEEN STUDYING POPULA-
TION AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND
AID/W, PLUS VISITS TO USUN FOR DISCUSSIONS ON RELATED
UNDP AND UNFPA MATTERS. GAO NOW PLANS INITIATE OVERSEAS
PHASE OF STUDY, STARTING IN ISLAMABAD FEBRUARY 16,
APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS AT POST. GAO AUDITORS BANGKOK
OFFICE WILL CONDUCT PAKISTAN STUDY AND MANAGER THAT OFFICE
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WILL FURNISH EMBASSY WITH NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES
OF GAO AUDITORS PERFORMING WORK, AND OF THEIR ACTUAL
ARRIVAL DATES.

2. GAO SURVEY EFFORTS OVERSEAS BEING DIRECTED TO GATHERING INFORMATION ON POPULATION AND CERTAIN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE POPULATION GROWTH RATE. PROGRAMS FOR STUDY ARE THOSE OF USG, HOST COUNTRY, UN, VOLAGS, AND OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES. GAO ADVISES THAT SURVEY OBJECTIVE IS TO OBTAIN USEFUL ANALYTICAL DATA FOR THE CONGRESS RELATIVE TO THEIR AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION FOR POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS.

3. GAO AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS OR CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OR OFFICIALS OF VOLAGS AND/OR OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES, ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY, AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. GAO TEAM WILL ALSO WISH MEET WITH UN REPS RE THEIR ONGOING POP PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT/UNNY ADVANCE CLEARANCE REQUIRED AND WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN PRESENCE EMBOFFICER.

4. DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT SURVEY WITHIN PROVISIONS 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF SURVEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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